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FLEET IS MEETING
WITH BAD WEATHER

Big Battleships Unable to Complete Their Work on Southern Drill Grounds.

United States Steamship Kansas, at Sea, on Southern Drill Grounds, by Wireless, Via Portsmouth, Va., Sept. 16.—Father Neptune and the weather have been playing their parts in the annual fall ball game of the Atlantic fleet with too much vim, and as a consequence have somewhat disrupted the

plans of Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder, commander in chief of the fleet. The greatest difficulty he has experienced by the fifteen battleships in securing satisfactory weather for their allotted time at night target practice. Only five of the battleships have completed their practice runs to date, since they arrived on the southern drill grounds, thirty miles south of the Virginia coast, on the 10th inst.

ginla capes, on Tuesday.

Battle practice, which had been planned for Wednesday, was again prevented, as on Wednesday evening, by the heavy weather. An attempt was made at towing the target rafts in order to make the target practice possible, but the heavy weather again might shoot at the moving objects, but it was abandoned owing to the rafts breaking adrift. In securing the drift-

voice upon the interpretation of favorable to the United States. One dissenting voice is that of Gen. T. Warren Keffer, once speaker of House of Representatives, who said:

"Let me state at the outset that the United States cannot fortify the Panama canal without breaking the

Admiral Schroeder's plans call for at least four more days of practice, and this can be had only after the weather improves. There is still a great difficulty that they were rescued.

"The question of the fortification of the canal has been brought up by

men and officers anxiously are looking forward to—liberty, which they have well earned.

PATENT MEDICINE

MANUFACTURER SHOT

Chicago, Sept. 16.—Leuen V. Atkins, a

patent medicine manufacturer, was shot and fatally wounded in his office in the Atkins building here today by Dr. James M. Rainey.

Atkins died soon after being taken to a hospital.

Rainey withdrew from the company of which Atkins was president two months ago, and started another firm with the same name. According to

Britain, drew up a treaty which he submitted to the Senate for ratification by Mr. Roosevelt, then president.

Prohibits Fortification.

"This treaty, in February, 1901, expressly prohibited the fortification of the canal. It was a complete reversal of the policy that the United States had

to Joseph Ingram attorney for Rainey, mail claimed by the latter was frequently delivered to Atkins.

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FOOLISH STORY NOT WORTH

ENNA BY THE PRESIDENT

DENIAL BY THE PRESIDENT

Malicious Rumor Set Afloat That

Mr. Taft Is to Step Aside for Colonel Roosevelt

papers, purporting to come from Beverly and announcing that President Taft has decided to step aside as a presidential candidate in 1912 to make way for Colonel Roosevelt, brought many inquiries to the summer capital. It was decided not to dignify the story, which is reported to be without foundation whatever, with a statement.

The fact that he has often, in speeches referred to the fact that it is only the rest of his present term that he is concerned with, does not mean Taft does not feel that he nominates himself and that he will not make political bid for the nomination.

The President starts for New York City tomorrow night and will be away from Beverly Hills

would devote himself to carrying out as nearly as possible the pledges of the platform on which he was elected. Mr. Taft, it is pointed out, does not know how to play politics, and he has been returning here October 2 to remain until the 15th.

Graham-White, the English aviator called on the President at Burgess today.